

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 115

(By Delegates Hall, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, Anderson, Andes, Azinger, Barill, Barker, Boggs, Brown, Butcher, D. Campbell, T. Campbell, Cann, Caputo, Craig, Crosier, Doyle, Ellem, Ellington, Ennis, Evans, Ferns, Ferro, Fleischauer, Fragale, Frazier, Givens, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hartman, Hatfield, Hunt, Iaquina, Ireland, Jones, Kominar, Lawrence, Longstreth, Mahan, Manchin, Manypenny, Marshall, Martin, Michael, Miley, Moore, Morgan, Moye, Pasdon, Paxton, Perdue, Perry, Pethtel, L. Phillips, R. Phillips, Pino, D. Poling, M. Poling, Poore, Reynolds, Rodighiero, Romine, Rowan, Savilla, Shaver, Skaff, Smith, Snuffer, Staggers, Stephens, Stowers, Swartzmiller, Talbott, Varner, Walker, Wells, White and Williams)

The West Virginia Legislature supports raising the pay of state mine inspectors to federal levels to keep those highly qualified and skilled inspectors working in the State of West Virginia.

WHEREAS, Mine inspectors employed by the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training are the most technically sound, efficient and skilled mine inspectors in the world; and

WHEREAS, The training received from the Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training and paid for by the State of West

1 Virginia helps to raise and maintain the advanced skill level of
2 the inspectors; and

3 WHEREAS, Mine inspectors are not paid a salary that matches
4 their experience or training; and

5 WHEREAS, The deficient pay of the West Virginia pay scale for
6 mine inspectors causes them to leave the West Virginia coal fields
7 for federal employment as a mine inspector; and

8 WHEREAS, When mine inspectors leave this state for federal work
9 the state is not getting a return on its investment in training
10 these talented and skilled inspectors; and

11 WHEREAS, Raising the pay of state mine inspectors will help
12 keep the best mine inspectors in the world home in West Virginia;
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That the Legislature supports raising the pay of state mine
16 inspectors to federal levels to keep those highly qualified and
17 skilled inspectors working the State of West Virginia; and, be it

18 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
19 forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Office of
20 Miners' Health, Safety and Training.